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Docket No.: 0152-0650P

**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/831,740 filed on May 14, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

OOAE, Kouji; FUKAO, Ryuzo; YAMASHITA, Yuji

for

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL PRODUCTION METHOD

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:



			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	17-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL			\$750.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/831,740, filed on May 14, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☒ --This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/831,740, filed on May 14, 2001 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/831,740 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/06610 filed on November 26, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. 10-336922; 10-360396 and 11-031339 filed in Japan on November 27, 1998; December 18, 1998 and February 9, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are fourteen (14) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/831,740 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP99/06610 filed on November 26, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application Nos. 10-336922; 10-360396 and 11-031339 filed in Japan on November 27, 1998; December 18, 1998 and February 9, 1999, respectively, under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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13. ☒ An extension of time for two (2) month(s) until July 27, 2003 has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/831,740 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:
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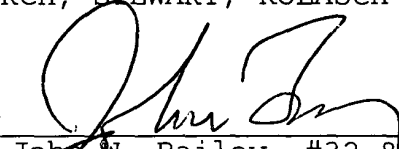
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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